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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED OCTOBER 23
BY UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA.

QUOTE

THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA CATEGORICALLY
REJECTS THE STATEMENT RECENTLY ISSUED BY THE SO-CALLED EXECUTIVE
OF THE NATIONAL PARTY OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA, ACCORDING TO WHICH
THIS WHITES-ONLY PARTY HAS DECIDED TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON THE
CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF NAMIBIA WITH WHAT THEY
CALL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER POPULATION GROUPS.
THE SO-CALLED NATIONAL PARTY OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA IS NEITHER
A LEGAL ENTITY NOR CAPABLE OF TAKING ANY ACTION INDEPENDENTLY, AND ITS

STATEMENT IS A DELIBERATE ACTION TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE ILLEGAL
SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME.

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THIS STATEMENT IS SIMPLY A CONTINUATION OF THE LONG-STANDING

ATTEMPT TO ALLEGE THAT NAMIBIA IS NOT ONE COUNTRY BUT CONSISTS OF VARIOUS SO-CALLED POPULATION GROUPS. THIS IS OF COURSE THE FOUNDATION OF POLICIES OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT, APARTHEID AND BANTUSTANISATION WHICH HAVE BEEN REPEATEDLY CONDEMNED BY THE COUNCIL.

THE COUNCIL NOTES THAT TIMING OF THE STATEMENT, COMING AS IT DOES DURING A QUESTIONING BY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS OF THE

RIGHT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA AND ON THE EVE OF THE DECISION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REFER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL THE MATTER OF THE REPEATED VIOLATIONS BY SOUTH AFRICA OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER AND OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IT HAS BECOME A TRADITION THAT, WHEN UNDER STRONG PRESSURE, SOUTH AFRICA WILL PRODUCE SOME GIMMICK IN A VAIN ATTEMPT TO PLACATE WORLD OPINION. WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE WAS SEIZED, IN 1971 WITH THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION, SOUTH AFRICA PROPOSED A REFERENDUM. WHEN THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE CONFIRMED THE ILLEGALITY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL. THREATENED NOW WITH EXPULSION FROM THE UNITED NATIONS, SOUTH AFRICA IS PROPOSING SHAM CONSTITUTIONAL DISCUSSIONS IN NAMIBIA.

THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IS FULLY IN SUPPORT OF THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION (SWAPO) WHICH REJECTED THIS STATEMENT AS A SELF-CALCULATED MANOEUVRE AIMED AT MISLEADING WORLD PUBLIC OPINION, THE STATEMENT REMINDS WORLD OPINION THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION HAS BEEN DECISIVELY REJECTED ON MANY OCCASIONS BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ALSO BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA REMAINS ILLEGAL.

THE ILLEGALITY WAS CONFIRMED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE IN 1971 AND IS NOT ABATED BY THESE DESPERATE SOUTH AFRICAN ATTEMPTS TO PROLONG IT DURATION.

THE ROAD AHEAD FOR SOUTH AFRICA IN NAMIBIA IS CLEAR. IT MUST STATE IN UNEQUIVOCAL TERMS THAT IT ACCEPTS THE DECISIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS, AND

RESPECTS THE ADVISORY OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE OF 1971, AND THAT IT WILL TERMINATE ITS

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